The Southeast News

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"Breakthrough" Program Planned For Churches

This fall many of the churches of the Southeast Convention, along with most of the churches of the United Church of Christ all over the country, will participate in a dramatic new program that is expected to have far-reaching consequences in our entire denomination's understanding of a relevant Christian mission in the midst of an ever-changing twentieth-century world.

The new program, which is to be known as "Breakthrough" and which has been initiated by the Stewardship Council, is described in detail in the May-June issue of **Task Force,** the Stewardship Council's bi-monthly publication which is sent to pastors and leaders in all congregations.

Beginning next fall every local congregation in the United Church of Christ that agrees to participate will be visited by trained members of the denomination who can help each local congregation to understand the real impact of our mutual mission today.

In the Southeast Convention the "Breakthrough" program will be under the direction of the Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education. Rev. Charles W. Bell, Roanoke, Ala., is the chairman. Working in consultation with Mr. Bell will be Rev. Karlton C. Johnson, Regional Secretary of the Stewardship Council, and Supt. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

The Budget Committee of the General Synod will present to that body in Chicago this July a proposal for a new and important increase in our gifts to the national and overseas mission work of the denomination.

The amount of the proposed increase has been set at $1,000,000 for the year 1966, and the fund will be specifically earmarked for meeting urgent needs over and beyond those now met through the Basic Support of Our Christian World Mission.

At a later date this summer the churches of the convention will be invited to participate in the program and to learn about "Breakthrough."

HERE AND THERE NEWS IN BRIEF

Fellowship Retreat

The annual retreat of the Alabama-Northwest Florida Women's Fellowship was held on Friday and Saturday, June 18-19, at the Indian Springs School, near Birmingham, Alabama.

Mrs. W. Raymond Berry of Huntsville, Alabama, the president of the organization, served as leader of the retreat.

Miss Angie Crew, for many years a missionary teacher in Japan, was the guest resource leader. Also on the program were Mrs. Edward M. Brown of Atlanta, president of the Women's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention, and Supt. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

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Lay Life and Work Committee

The Lay Life and Work Committee of the Southeast Convention met in Atlanta on Saturday, June 12. Present for the meeting were Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr., Mrs. Edward M. Brown, Miss Dora C. Brackin, Mrs. A. D. Harry, William R. Green, W. Pressley Ingram, chairman, and Supt. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

The committee voted to arrange a series of workshops to be held this fall throughout the convention. The workshops will be planned to interpret the program of Lay Life and Work and to introduce and explain the various materials available for local churches.

The key lay leaders of local congregations, officers of Women's and Churchmen's Fellowship groups, as well as ministers, should plan to attend.

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1965 Year Book

The 1965 Year Book of our denomination will be sent to the pastors in the near future. Churches and ministers wishing additional copies should write to The United Church of Christ, 297 Park Ave., South, New York 10010. The price is $1.75.

HERE AND THERE NEWS IN BRIEF

1965 Youth Forum

The 1965 Youth Forum of the United Church of Christ is scheduled for June 23-29 at Elmhurst College, Illinois.

Jane Maddox, Langdale, Kibbie Simmons, Atlanta, and Rev. William R. Winterbottom, Crossville, will be the representatives of the Southeast Convention among the 80 young people and 40 adult advisors expected to attend.

The meeting is sponsored by the Division of Christian Education of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. The Rev. Scott S. Libbey, Philadelphia, of the Board's Youth Ministry staff, is directing the forum.

The theme is "Youth and Ethics — the Revolution in Morals." At the end of the week, according to Mr. Libbey, the teen-agers will be asked to prepare a workable code of ethics for today by which they and others could live.

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Ga.-Ala.-S. C. Summer Camps

The summer camps for Junior High and Senior young people of Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina will be held at the Laura Walker State Park, Waycross, Ga., the week of August 1-7. Registrations should be sent to the convention office. Additional registration blanks are available from the convention office for churches that need them.

Mrs. Carl N. Sanford and Mr. Bobby Jack Pemberton are the co-leaders of the Junior-High Camp. Rev. Robert Hendrix and Rev. Floyd Carmack are the co-leaders for the Senior-High.

Miss Helen Filz is the mission leader for the Junior-High Camp. (See June issue of The Southeast News.)

Mr. Lemuel Patole, a commercial artist from Bombay, India, is the mission leader for the Senior-High. He is a member of the United Church of Northern India. He has spent the last two years studying fine arts at The School of Visual Arts, New York City.

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Superintendent's Corner

From time to time people of our churches ask me about the National Council of Churches. They have read or heard many charges about the National Council. It is charged the council is under the influence of the communists; that many of its leaders are communists; that it is seeking to be a "super-church" and that it acts as if it were speaking and acting for all churches and church members.

These charges are demonstrably false. Most of the people who take them at all seriously do so because they themselves do not really understand what the National Council is and does. Our church people would be much less willing to listen to and believe the charges if they would take the opportunity to find out about the National Council.

I have a friend from college days. A graduate of Elon College, he is a fine Methodist layman. He is a lawyer and has been a circuit court judge in Florida. Judge William H. Maness became aware of the many questions raised about the National Council and decided to investigate on his own.

As a result of his activities he has written two books: "How To Investigate The National Council of Churches" and "Brainwashing and The National Council of Churches."

Since Judge Maness made a gift of the books to me, I do not know what they cost. Even so, I am sure they are well worth the price. You can write to him at:

Judge William H. Maness
Florida Theatre Building
Jacksonville, Florida

I am sure he will be happy to tell you the price of the books and to send copies to you.

By the way, he found the charges against the Council to be false.

LET'S LOOK AT WILLS

By Ashby E. Bladen, Executive Director, Commission on Development of the United Church of Christ

Although 400 years have passed since Shakespeare's birth, the bard's advice is often more timely than it was when he wrote it. In "King Richard II," for example, Shakespeare has the king say, "Let's choose executors and talk of wills."

Many if not most people in Shakespeare's day owned no property and consequently had no need for a will. In the United Church of Christ almost every adult has accumulated possessions which will survive him.

For all of us there comes a time when we must pass these possessions on to others. To do this by a will is our privilege as citizens. Studies show, however, that more than half of us postpone this obligation until it is too late.

CHARACTERISTIC RELUCTANCE. This reluctance to make a will is characteristic of people of all classes and professions, including lawyers. By not making a will we fail to fulfill a duty to all those dependent upon us. The Christian should cherish the opportunity to perpetuate his life and influence through the distribution of his estate, and should therefore be concerned about the way such things are carried out.

So let's talk about wills and, while we are at it, let's make sure that we agree in our understanding of Webster's definition of a will as "a written instrument, legally executed, by which a man makes disposition of his estate to take effect after his death."

There are two points in this definition which we should discuss:

1. What is involved in the "legal execution" of our will?

2. Did we state clearly the "disposition" that we wish to make?

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. There are any number of cases that can be cited to show how carefully the legislatures and courts have set up and enforced rules concerning the legal execution of wills. These rules are to make certain that the document in question is, in fact, your will. Although requirements vary from state to state, they generally provide that:

1. The maker of a will must be of a given minimum age, usually 18 or 21.

2. The maker must be of sound mind.

3. The making of the will must be free from fraud.

4. The maker of the will must sign it in the presence of two (in a few states three) witnesses, or show them his signature on the will and identify it as his signature.

5. The witnesses know they are witnessing a will and must sign it in the presence of the maker and in the presence of one another. (No one who may receive any benefit under the will should be a witness because his testimony regarding the maker's signature may disinherit him).

A legally executed will seldom is broken. Even a whimsical will is accepted by the courts, if it is in good order, not against public policy and if the maker's intent is clearly stated.

CLARITY OF EXPRESSION. There is the second point I want to discuss: the importance of clearly stating the distribution we want to make of our possessions.

This is one of the most dramatic responsibilities we face in our lifetimes! It is a privilege, also, to decide how our estates, after they have served our needs, shall be "distributed" — given away.

Whether the estate is of small value or represents a great fortune, the economic life of today challenges us to make adequate — not enervating — financial provision for our families. Many of us have other dependents for whose security and future we are equally zealous. Few of us want the inheritance to support a dependent in idleness. Nor do we want generosity to undermine a child's will to work. There are many ways in which the "distribution" of our estates makes a world of difference to those we love and who survive us.

After making a sensible provision for our own families there is opportunity for philanthropic giving. Large charitable gifts by foundations and individuals are news. We read about them in the papers and are inclined to think that only the very wealthy are able to give thanks for God's goodness

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SOUTHEAST CONVENTION ACTING CONFERENCE: Alabama; Florida; Georgia; Kentucky; South Carolina; Tennessee

Church Number	Location and Name of Church	Org.	Pastors: Name	Pastors: Year Called	Total Members	Members Added: C	Members Added: Total	Total Members Removed	Church School Enrollment	Our Mission for Others: Our Christian World Mission: Basic Support: Conference	Basic Support: National	Basic Support: Total	Our Mission for Others: Our Christian World Mission: Other Support	Our Mission for Others: Other Gifts	Our Mission for Others: Grand Total	Local Church Expenses: Current Local Expenses	Local Church Expenses: Capital Payments	Local Church Expenses: Total
	Alabama																	
1	Alexander City, Hunt, 103 11th Ave., S.	1945	A. C. Pemberton, *Lic.*	'60	61	—	—	—	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	640	164	804
2	Andalusia, Antioch, Rt. 2, 8 mi. N.	1873	R. C. Lentz, *Lic.*	'63	112	9	*b*65	10	53	0	0	0	0	34	34	5,269	500	5,769
3	" 1st, 341 Dunson St.	1943	O. L. Culpepper	'63	83	—	—	7	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,503	500	3,003
4	Birmingham, Pilgrim, 3801 Montclair Rd.	1903	A. L. Henry	'63	254	13	34	25	139	1,072	402	1,474	35	110	1,619	28,000	8,105	36,105
5	Brantley, Indian Creek, Rt. 3	1919	*y*E. H. Henby, *d*	'60	14	0	0	0	26	11	4	15	0	0	15	625	0	625
6	" Liberty, Rt. 1	1887	*y*E. H. Henby, *d*	'61	17	2	2	1	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	367	0	367
7	Caddo, 1st	1903	E. T. Shelton	'55	86	2	4	0	85	94	31	125	0	86	211	1,893	427	2,320
8	Clio, New Hope, Rt. 1, 6 mi. S.	1891	N. A. Long	'63	43	—	—	—	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,840	0	1,840
9	Dadeville, Elder, Rt. 1, 10 mi. N.	1895	W. A. Blankenhorn B. J. Robinson, *Asst.*	'64 '61	66	4	6	3	70	95	31	126	0	0	126	1,611	0	1,611
10	East Tallassee, C.C., 307 S. Tallassee Dr.	1890	B. J. Traylor	'63	138	1	*b*49	1	120	310	103	413	75	90	578	6,569	1,717	8,286
11	Garden City, C.C., U. S. 31	1918	*E. E. McBay, Meth.*	'64	33	0	0	0	30	150	50	200	20	50	270	1,514	1,000	2,514
12	Hackleburg, Fairview, Rt. 2	1891	B. R. Aderholt, *Lic.*	'60	35	5	5	0	40	52	17	69	0	60	129	996	0	996
13	Hanceville, Mt. Grove	1891	I. R. Whitley	'63	68	—	—	—	35	37	13	50	0	0	50	1,827	0	1,827
14	Huntsville, United	1960	W. R. Berry	'61	78	0	32	8	154	936	312	1,248	94	0	1,342	13,352	2,497	15,849
15	La Fayette, Pleasant Grove, Rt. 3	1886	*y*E. G. Clark, *d*	'64	55	3	3	2	69	0	0	0	0	30	30	1,913	252	2,165
16	Lanett, C.C., 900 S. Seventh St.	1896	W. W. Hall	'63	387	0	7	26	212	2,684	895	3,579	0	766	4,345	13,752	0	13,752
17	Langdale, C.C., 2400 65th St.	1930			251	2	4	9	175	1,504	501	2,005	137	458	2,600	10,490	6,315	16,805
18	Midland City, Chr. Hill, Rt. 1	1893	(Inactive)		16	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	310	0	310
19	Montgomery, United	1961	H. C. Henderson	'62	34	1	7	2	30	450	150	600	85	106	791	9,340	3,518	12,858
20	Mt. Creek, Union, Rt. 1, 18 mi. N. Wetumpka	1891	G. G. Norris	'58	66	4	4	4	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,068	549	2,617
21	Phenix City, 1st, 1608 14th Ct.	1920	W. D. Noles, *Lic.*	'59	112	—	—	1	108	20	6	26	0	0	26	4,970	0	4,970
22	" Russell Woods, 23rd Ct.	1957	*W. C. Bryant, Meth.*	'64	79	—	—	27	65	22	8	30	0	0	30	3,000	3,942	6,942
23	Roanoke, Antioch, 5 mi. S.	1869	W. P. Pike	'63	82	2	2	2	30	75	25	100	0	0	100	1,346	0	1,346
24	" Bethany, 7 mi. E.	1896	*y*E. G. Clark, *d*	'63	55	—	—	—	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,116	800	1,916
25	" 1st	1923	*y*O. E. Sheppard	'51	55	—	—	—	50	0	0	0	30	0	30	2,132	630	2,762
26	" Forest Home, Rt. 2	1893	*y*J. W. Roberts	'64	58	9	9	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	822	0	822
27	" Lowell, Handley Ave. & W. Piedmont	1900	C. W. Bell	'63	164	3	3	*b*46	100	319	106	425	7	166	598	7,254	1,248	8,502
28	" New Hope, Rt. 1	1850	*y*O. E. Sheppard	'55	62	4	7	1	30	131	44	175	0	115	290	1,193	350	1,543
29	" Rock Stand	1908	A. C. Nelson	'65	93	1	1	1	34	75	25	100	25	127	252	1,648	0	1,648
30	Shawmut, Todd, Gullatt Ave.	1950	B. F. Doggett, *Lic.*	'64	96	1	9	2	80	112	38	150	0	0	150	2,820	1,632	4,452
31	Steele, Mt. Lebanon, 5½ mi. W., Hgwy. 42	1905	*y*H. J. Barnes	'60	70	—	—	—	65	30	10	40	0	0	40	675	0	675
32	Tallassee, Mt. Olive, Rt. 1	1890	J. W. Wilder	'61	112	2	2	3	65	67	23	90	53	0	143	4,680	7,000	11,680
33	Wadley, Beulah	1890	*y*J. W. Roberts	'54	48	—	—	—	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,518	0	1,518
34	" Chr.	1911	A. R. Van Cleave	'52	48	—	1	0	35	366	122	488	100	6	594	1,317	0	1,317
35	Wedowee, Noon Day	1898	*yx*G. R. Walker	'59	87	—	—	—	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,430	390	1,820
	Florida																	
36	Baker, Good Hope, Rt. 2, 7 mi. W.	1922			45	0	0	3	44	0	0	0	0	46	46	767	1,170	1,937
37	Bonifay, New Effort	1888			30	0	0	0	50	22	8	30	0	0	30	460	0	460
38	Crestview, Dorcas	1892	*y*C. H. Stewart	'63	81	5	5	5	50	19	6	25	30	0	55	1,264	375	1,639
	Georgia																	
39	Ambrose, Chr., Main St.	1915	*y*G. S. Hunt	'63	43	2	2	*b*8	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,276	0	1,276
40	Atlanta, Center, 1055 Moores Mill Rd., N.W.	1888	R. H. Lasseter	'63	66	0	2	1	40	225	75	300	0	21	321	5,408	0	5,408
41	" Central, Piedmont & Ponce de Leon Aves., N.E.	1882	F. A. Meyer	'62	446	10	38	*b*187	265	4,990	1,663	6,653	164	1,006	7,823	27,181	3,059	30,240
42	Barnesville, Fredonia, 5 mi. E.	1852	W. W. Martin	'62	95	1	1	4	30	337	113	450	28	92	570	3,308	0	3,308
43	Braselton, Macedonia, Hgwy. 53, 4 mi. N.	1888	H. C. Weaver	'61	60	—	—	—	36	34	11	45	0	0	45	1,455	841	2,296
44	Columbus, 1st, Norris Rd. & Norris Cir.	1903	W. M. McCullars	'65	117	—	—	—	65	379	126	505	0	0	505	6,000	2,620	8,620
45	" United, 2718 Beacon Ave.	1909	W. S. Wood	'52	119	19	19	3	115	52	18	70	0	0	70	2,400	100	2,500
46	Demorest, Fed., Georgia St. & Hazel Ave.	1892	*G. N. Pressley, Meth.*	'62	33	0	2	3	60	225	75	300	100	88	488	2,521	400	2,921
47	Gaillard, Pleasant Hill, 6 mi. S. of Roberta	1883	H. E. Williams, *Lic.*	'59	58	14	15	1	33	27	9	36	0	0	36	1,257	18	1,275
48	Hampton, Co. Line, 3 mi. E. of Lovejoy on McDonough Rd.	1888	*y*R. J. Barnes	'56	61	—	—	3	75	45	15	60	0	0	60	1,178	911	2,089
49	La Grange, Hillside, 500 Lee St.	1921	R. L. Chatham	'47	146	0	5	3	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,010	76	6,086
50	" United, 623 Juniper St.	1903	L. F. Carmack	'61	255	3	10	12	141	821	273	1,094	0	570	1,664	9,493	0	9,493
51	Meansville, 1st C.C.	1854			21	—	—	—	—	15	5	20	0	0	20	715	0	715
52	Pearson, Union Hill, 3 mi S.E.	1892	R. W. Hendrix H. Y. Sears, *d, Asst.*	'57	58	1	1	4	25	156	52	208	0	0	208	1,772	0	1,772
53	Pine Mountain, Oak Grove, Rt. 2, 3 mi. N., Hgwy. 27	1899			124	0	4	3	71	461	154	615	0	500	1,115	6,000	1,500	7,500
54	Richland, 1st	1901	*y*G. S. Hunt	'60	34	—	—	—	—	19	6	25	0	0	25	1,860	0	1,860
55	Waycross, Williams Chap., Central Ave. Ext., 3 mi. E.	1933	R. D. Worley	'60	160	0	1	2	154	119	40	159	0	125	284	5,956	616	6,572
56	West Point, Bethel, 1 mi. fr.	1948	W. A. Hodnett, *Lic.*	'61	79	7	7	2	50	241	80	321	0	152	473	4,044	600	4,644
57	Woodbury, Jones Chap.	1850	*D. M. Atkinson, Meth.*	'65	150	8	8	4	90	22	8	30	0	0	30	3,097	0	3,097
	Kentucky																	
58	Evarts, 1st, Yokum & Turner Sts.	1892	Carolyn P. Welch	'58	84	—	—	—	50	630	210	840	0	0	840	6,500	0	6,500
59	Stearns, Com., U. S. 27	1918	*R. D. Matthews, Meth.*	'61	27	—	—	—	20	0	0	0	0	5	5	2,900	700	3,600
	South Carolina																	
60	Charleston, Circular, 136 Meeting St.	1681	W. R. Barnhart	'58	215	25	25	*b*38	100	765	255	1,020	0	91	1,111	15,199	0	15,199
	Tennessee																	
61	Chattanooga, Pilgrim, Glenwood & Third St.	1914	A. Slater	'44	337	2	12	27	159	3,325	1,108	4,433	15	1,265	5,713	22,864	7,283	30,147
62	Crossville, 1st, Rt. 5, Lantana Rd.	1888	W. R. Winterbottom, *d* A. Nightingale, *P.em.*	'63	93	1	5	0	82	608	202	810	44	10	864	9,420	5,991	15,411

b Revision of roll

d Limited ordination

Church Number	CHURCHES: Location and Name of Church	Org.	PASTORS: Name	Year Called	TOTAL MEMBERS	MEMBERS ADDED: C	MEMBERS ADDED: Total	Total Members Removed	Church School Enrollment	OUR MISSION FOR OTHERS: Our Christian World Mission: Basic Support: Conference	Basic Support: National	Basic Support: Total	Our Christian World Mission: Other Support	Other Gifts	Grand Total	LOCAL CHURCH EXPENSES: Current Local Expenses	Capital Payments	Total
63	Daisy, 1st, Old Mountain Rd.	1925	*J. R. Ashley, Meth.*	'62	76	2	2	10	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,666	1,647	5,313
64	Deer Lodge, C.C.	1887	*y*Annie R. Campbell	'60	31	8	15	0	140	125	42	167	0	38	205	1,128	988	2,116
65	Glenmary C.C., Hgwy. 27	1885	*y*Annie R. Campbell	'60	18	2	3	0	26	68	22	90	16	36	142	476	0	476
66	Knoxville, 1st, 500 W. Church St.	1956	W. M. Stevens	'64	256	9	13	8	125	156	52	208	0	251	459	19,064	12,209	31,273
67	Nashville, Brookmeade, 700 Bresslyn Rd.	1953	W. E. Hines	'64	90	0	0	10	75	150	50	200	0	126	326	12,255	4,318	16,573
68	Pleasant Hill, Com.	1885	J. C. Wiley	'64	107	0	2	2	50	412	138	550	0	212	762	7,613	748	8,361
69	Robbins, Barton Chap., Hgwy. 27	1885	*y*Annie R. Campbell	'60	28	1	1	5	40	93	31	124	6	140	270	969	0	969
70	Soddy, 1st, Depot St.	1863	K. R. Whittemore, *Lic.*	'63	40	—	—	—	65	75	25	100	0	0	100	3,990	0	3,990
	Gifts — church name not given:									470	157	627	85	0	712			
	Totals:				**6,801**	**188**	**454**	**529**	**4,959**	**23,698**	**7,945**	**31,643**	**1,149**	**6,978**	**39,770**	**340,266**	**87,706**	**427,972**
	CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES STANDING ONLY **Schedule I** ◇																	
	Alabama																	
71	Alexander City, Antioch	1852			24	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	446	0	446
72	Arley, Robertsons Chap.	1900	*y*H. J. Barnes	'62	26	—	—	—	27	19	6	25	0	0	25	363	0	363
73	Five Points, State Line	1852	L. Brown, *Lic.*	'63	61	—	—	—	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,826	0	1,826
74	Haleyville, Union Grove, 2 mi. N.W.	1891	R. L. Shelton	'61	52	—	—	—	75	54	18	72	0	0	72	5,021	0	5,021
75	Headland, Blackwood, 4 mi. N.W.	1894	J. H. Brown, *b*	'64	111	8	8	24	105	241	80	321	0	10	331	4,741	0	4,741
76	Houston, Liberty Hill	1879			10	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	177	0	177
77	Lanett, Huguley	1941	*B. Williams, Meth.*	'63	41	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,570	0	1,570
78	Lineville, New Harmony	1888	(Inactive)		4	—	—	—	—	11	4	15	0	0	15	0	0	0
79	Moulton, Jones Chap.	1896	*y*R. M. Waugh		36	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	337	0	337
80	Pisgah	1920	L. E. Hollaway	'64	14	—	—	—	—	8	2	10	0	15	25	943	0	943
81	Town Creek, Old Liberty	1891	*y*R. M. Waugh	'51	49	4	4	1	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	0	300
82	Wadley, Corinth	1893	*yx*G. R. Walker	'62	75	—	—	—	78	8	2	10	0	0	10	869	1,734	2,603
83	Wedowee, Cavers Grove	1924			46	—	—	—	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,008	0	1,008
84	Wetumpka, Balm of Gilead, Rt. 1	1896	*y*W. M. Fulmer	'62	9	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	250
	Georgia																	
85	Bowman, Liberty	1878	*y*R. H. Abbott	'59	65	7	7	4	48	16	6	22	0	0	22	581	0	581
86	Doerun, Poplar Arbor	1910	*J. S. Morris, Lay.*	'62	23	—	—	—	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	700	0	700
87	Enigma, Chr.	1908	*G. E. Turner, Lay.*	'63	61	—	—	—	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,361	0	3,361
88	Meansville, Liberty		(Inactive)		—	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
89	Richland, Providence Chap.	1837	*y*R. J. Barnes	'58	45	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,219	0	1,219
90	Tifton, Vanceville	1913	*y*R. H. Abbott	'59	78	—	—	—	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,000	0	3,000
	Totals (Schedule I):				**830**	**19**	**19**	**29**	**561**	**357**	**118**	**475**	**0**	**25**	**500**	**11,038**	**1,734**	**12,772**

◇ **Schedule I.** Congregational Christian Churches which have not voted, or which have voted to abstain from voting at the time of submitting the Conference Report
b Limited ordination

Church Number	CHURCHES: Location and Name of Church	Org.	PASTORS: Name	Year Called	TOTAL MEMBERS	MEMBERS ADDED: C	MEMBERS ADDED: Total	Total Members Removed	Church School Enrollment	OUR MISSION FOR OTHERS: Our Christian World Mission: Basic Support: Conference	Basic Support: National	Basic Support: Total	Our Christian World Mission: Other Support	Other Gifts	Grand Total	LOCAL CHURCH EXPENSES: Current Local Expenses	Capital Payments	Total
	Schedule II ⊙																	
	Alabama																	
91	Andalusia, Coldwater	1923			34	—	—	—	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	475	0	475
92	" New Home	1894	*x*M. O. Worley	'60	25	—	—	—	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	432	0	432
93	Ashland, Bethel	1892			45	—	—	—	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,350	0	1,350
94	Eclectic, Watsons Chap., Rt. 2	1892	*y*W. M. Fulmer	'62	50	2	2	2	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	850	0	850
95	Roanke, Mt. Zion	1893	E. S. Fetner	'64	50	3	5	*b*12	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,329	0	1,329
96	" Rock Spring	1884			37	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	439	0	439
97	Seman, Com.	1933	A. Nelson	'58	42	0	0	3	25	0	0	0	0	20	20	1,500	0	1,500
	Florida																	
98	Baker, Pyron's Chap., 3 mi. N.	1897	*y*C. H. Stewart	'64	42	3	3	14	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,427	0	1,427
	Georgia																	
99	Baxley, Friendship, 3 mi. W.	1876	T. E. Beach	'56	80	4	4	*b*35	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,280	0	1,280
100	Bristol, Antioch, 9 mi. N.	1898	R. N. Overstreet	'56	73	—	—	—	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	939	0	939
101	Buford, Duncans Creek, Hgwy. 124, nr. Lawrenceville & Braselton	1885	C. V. Rary, *d*	'60	114	11	17	4	100	0	0	0	0	225	225	1,200	0	1,200
102	Crest, Hebron, nr. Thomaston	1889	*B. A. Manley, Lay.*	'57	59	2	2	2	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	308	0	308
103	Doerun, New Light	1904	*yx*W. C. Carpenter	'57	18	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	320	0	320
104	Douglas, 1st, 1308 N. Madison Ave.	1950	*yx*W. C. Carpenter	'63	79	—	—	—	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,500	0	2,500
105	Tifton, 1st	1952	(Inactive)		—	—	—	51	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals (Schedule II):				**748**	**25**	**33**	**123**	**528**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**245**	**245**	**14,349**	**0**	**14,349**

⊙ **Schedule II.** Congregational Christian Churches which have voted not to be part of the U. C. C. at the time of submitting the Conference Report
b Revision of roll
d Limited ordination

CHURCHES CHANGED: Seman, Balm of Gilead to Wetumpka, Balm of Gilead.

YOKED CHURCHES: Nos. 5-6; 15-24; 25-28; 26-33; 31-72; 35-83; 38-98; 39-54; 48-89; 64-65-69; 78-[illegible]; 81-94; 85-90; 103-104.

A Country Preacher

Thomas was a country preacher — one of those hard and fast Christians who preached the Gospel seven days a week to anyone who happened to be around. He wasn't a fancy talker. He had only eight years of formal schooling. But he knew enough to tell a man how to be saved, or how to be doomed to hell.

Thomas worked hard for God. He visited the sick. He invited the others to church. He offered transportation to those who had none; and he provided it, even if he had to make several trips in his beat-up old Ford in order to do so. He was eager to help anyone he could in any way he could. He worked hard for his God.

Thomas worked hard for his family too. He was a poor man with eleven kids. In the nineteen years that I knew him he was never out of debt. But his family fared as well as any in the country. It was hard to believe that a man who had so little as Thomas did could do so well. His creditors never pressed him because they always knew they would be paid.

Preaching in the country doesn't pay much. For a living Thomas raised hogs and planted cotton. He fed the hogs with his own corn and he picked the cotton with his own kids. A truck patch provided vegetables, a cow provided milk. A few chickens supplied eggs for breakfast, and there was always pork to eat. In the fall there was always just enough profit from the cotton to pay the mortgage and buy some clothes. The routine never varied. Just enough, but not too much. "God provides what we need," said Thomas.

And it must have been true. In years when the county cotton crop was exceptionally good, Thomas's cotton barely covered the mortgage payment. In other years, when cotton failed miserably everywhere else, Thomas grew enough to pay his mortgage. "I work for God," he would say, "and God takes care of his workers."

I never saw Thomas when he was unhappy. And I never saw him when he wasn't busy. He worked all day in his fields, and he read his Bible every night after supper. No matter how tired he was, he smiled in his sleep.

Thomas studied his Bible, and he knew it as well as anyone I've seen. He never used notes when he preached and he didn't have to read from the Bible. He could quote whole chapters of Scripture, and when he spoke I could see the meaning in his eyes. He really felt what he said — and he said what he felt. For nineteen years I listened, and I never heard the same prayer twice. God was in the man. And the man was a part of God.

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LET'S LOOK AT WILLS . . . .

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by a bequest to support and extend God's work.

Fortunately many great fortunes which were accumulated before the graduated income tax were left in trust for a wide range of good and charitable purposes. Today it is difficult for a person to amass such a tremendous fortune. Many great fortunes have been or are being broken up by estate (death) taxes.

Wealth today is in the hands of tens of millions of the great middle-income group. Here is where the responsibility lies today for the support of private educational, medical and religious institutions. This responsibility has shifted with the bulk of the nation's wealth from the very wealthy few to the moderately well-off many.

FORESIGHTED STEWARD. The Christian who has the foresight to make a will knows that he is a steward of God's gifts. He also knows that the continuing strength of the church and its expanded programs for its agencies undergird the security of his loved ones who outlive him. He is aware of danger to the church and opportunities for its ministries presented by our revolutionary times. In the making of his will the Christian has an opportunity to express his gratitude to God by a bequest which extends and supports God's work in the world.

When a will comes to the court only its written words can be considered. The legal significance of the words used will govern interpretation and control of the estate.

Another important provision of a will is the privilege it provides of naming the executor of the estate and a guardian for any minor children. One should name as executor the person most competent to manage and settle the estate according to the directions given in the will. It is even more important to choose a person to be the guardian of any children under 21 years of age.

USE OF ATTORNEY. A will should be drafted thoughtfully, carefully, skillfully by an attorney of your choice, acquainted with the laws of the state in which you reside. His special training and experience qualify him to suggest ways of arranging plans that are sound, economical and efficient.

One economical advantage of an attorney is his acquaintance with tax laws. The taxes to be paid on an estate are often determined by the way the will is drawn. One should take full advantage of marital deductions and gifts to church and charities. Do not hesitate to ask your attorney for suggestions on ways to reduce the taxes on your estate. The United States Supreme Court has said:

"Anyone can so arrange his affairs that his taxes will be as low as possible; he is not bound to choose the pattern that best pays the treasury; there is no patriotic duty to increase one's taxes."

Attorney's charges for drawing a will are reasonable. The bill in most instances is from $25 to $50. The fee is influenced, of course, by the size of the estate and the complexity of the maker's plans.

The time to draw your will is now. To postpone this great responsibility may some day make it necessary for the court to:

1. Select a person to manage (administer) your estate.
2. Select a guardian for your minor children.
3. Designate the persons who are to receive your property and say what shares will go to each, regardless of love, need or devotion.

None of this may be the way you wanted. But the statutes are inflexible and the court has no choice.

The Christian who has the foresight to make a will has the opportunity to look ahead, to weigh his responsibilities, to consider individual needs, to recognize special worthiness, to name an executor and nominate a guardian for his children.

The will also provides the Christian with an opportunity to recall God's goodness to him and to pray for guidance in determining whether by his will he can further witness his love of Jesus Christ by a bequest to his church. Now is the time to think these things through. Today is the day to start writing your will.

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